



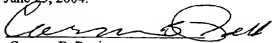
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Dear Sir:

In Response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional) mailed June 4, 2004, in conjunction with the above-identified application, applicants respectfully petition for examination of the application without the signature of all inventors, namely, without the signature of co-inventor Mohsen Abdollahi.

I, Carmen B Patti, attorney of record for the application, being first duly sworn on oath state:

To the best of my knowledge and belief, our office made efforts to contact and request execution of the Oath or Declaration by co-inventor Mohsen Abdollahi.

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On or about December 10, 2003, co-inventor Mohsen Abdollahi called our offices and spoke with our Office Administrator, Laura Hernandez, and informed Ms. Hernandez that he did not wish to sign the formal papers required for the above referenced application. Mr. Mohsen Abdollahi requested that his name be removed from the patent. I have personal and first hand knowledge of this telephone conversation. Mr. Mohsen Abdollahi's last known mailing address is 9008 Cannstatt Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35802.

2. An Affidavit of Laura A. Hernandez' statement of facts is attached.

3. The petition fee of \$130.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) is hereby authorized to be charged to the Patti & Brill, LLC Deposit Account No. 50-1941. Please charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to same. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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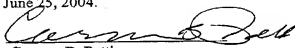
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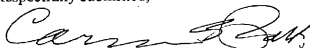
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